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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed December 19, 2002, Applicants make the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are pending. Claims 2-5 stand rejected for indefiniteness. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, and 14-20 stand rejected for obviousness over Newton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,595,890; hereafter "Newton") in view of Sorenson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,496,699; hereafter "Sorenson"). Claims 10 and 13 stand rejected for obviousness over